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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Daniel SCHMOUTZ et al.

Application No.: 09/617,930

Group Art Unit: 1761

Filed: August 16, 2000

Examiner: T. Tran Lien

For: CONFECTIONERY PRODUCT
COMPRISING VEGETABLE SOLIDS

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-340

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 7, 2001, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15-28 without prejudice.

Claims 1 and 3 are amended to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A confectionery product comprising a mixture of solid fat and at least 15% by weight of non-cereal vegetable solids dispersed in a continuous fat phase of the solid fat which serves as a matrix for the vegetable solids to form a stable shape for the product and to impart a confectionery texture to the product.

2. (Amended) The confectionery product according to claim 1, wherein the non-cereal vegetable solids comprise finely ground particles having a size of about 80 microns or less.

Please add the following new claims:

29. The confectionery product according to claim 1, which is at least partly covered by a fat-based layer.

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